# **Citizens Guide**



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Dear Citizens,

The City of College Station is happy to report another year of success in Aggieland. Like you, I consider this to be a one-of-a-kind community with a unique set of service expectations from our citizens. As such, we demand a higher degree of innovation, technology and overall performance from our employees

and staff. I hope this Citizens' Guide contains the information you need to get in touch with our City services and provides you with an idea of the successes we have achieved.

Operating under a council-manager form of government, our employees are only part of the team. We enjoy the support of our City Council members, hundreds of volunteers, and of course our citizens who expect that we address all strategic issues identified by the Council in their Strategic Plan.

I believe College Station is headed in a very positive direction, and I am confident that we will continue to provide the best service possible to our valued customers, the citizens of College Station.

Sincerely,

Glenn Brown, City Manager

CITY OF COLLEGE STATION

Home of Texas A&M University

# **City Council**















**COUNCIL MEMBERS\*** left to right

\* as of December 31, 2008

Ben White [Mayor], John Crompton [Pl 1], James Massey [Pl 2], Dennis Maloney [Pl 3], Lynn McIlhaney [Pl 4], Lawrence Stewart [Pl 5], David Ruesink [Pl 6]



On behalf of the City Council, let me thank you for choosing College Station as your destination for work, family, school and fun. As the home of Texas A&M University, College Station values its spirit and heart. This Citizens' Guide will help you catch a glimpse of that spirit so you can see what makes this city a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Ben White, Mayor

### Mission Statement

On behalf of the citizens of College Station, home of Texas A&M University, we will continue to promote and advance the community's quality of life.

### Community Vision Statement

College Station, the proud home of Texas A&M University and the heart of the Brazos Valley, will be a vibrant, progressive, knowledge-based community which promotes the highest quality of life by...

- » Ensuring safe, tranquil, clean, and healthy neighborhoods with enduring character;
- » Increasing and maintaining the mobility of College Station citizens through a well planned and constructed inter-modal transportation system;
- » Expecting sensitive development and management of the built/natural environment;
- » Supporting well-planned, quality and sustainable growth;
- » Valuing and protecting our cultural and historical community resources;
- » Developing and maintaining quality cost-effective community facilities, infrastructure and services which ensure our city is cohesive and well connected; and
- » Creating and maintaining economic and educational opportunities for all citizens.



Using the community vision, mission statement, and values as a spring board, the College Station City Council has set the strategic direction for the city government through development of ten Strategic Issues and supporting Policy Initiatives.

The Strategic Plan focuses organizational resources and identifies those intentional actions to be undertaken by city government to achieve the desired outcomes. The ten issues of focus are:

- 1. City-wide Safety & Security
- 2. Effective Communications
- 3. Growing Sustainable Revenue Sources Balanced with Needs
- 4. Destination Place to Live and Work
- 5. Exceptional Multi-Modal Mobility
- 6. Sustainable Quality City Workforce
- 7. Exceptional Infrastructure and Core Services
- 8. Diverse Growing Economy
- 9. Neighborhood Integrity
- 10. Green College Station

The above family is at **National Night Out**, an annual event that gives neighborhood police and communities a chance to grow together.



In accordance with the City Charter, the City of College Station Approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Annual Budget is \$249,167,632 for all funds. Of this amount, \$201,228,559 is for the operations and maintenance budget, and \$47,939,073 is for capital projects either underway or planned to be underway in 2008-2009. This approved budget results in an increase of 10.11% over the FY 2008 budget.

Tax Rate (2008-2009)

College Station Brazos County CSISD	\$0.43940 per \$100 \$0.48000 per \$100 \$1.22105 per \$100	)	
Hotel Tax	<b>Tax Rate</b> 15.00%	<b>City</b> 7.00%	<b>County</b> 2.00%

8.25%

**Taxing Entity** 

Sales Tax

A full listing of projects to be undertaken and revenues received during the 2009 Fiscal Year is included in the 2008-2009 Annual Budget Document. The document is available at the Larry J. Ringer Library (1818 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy) and in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall (1101 Texas Ave). You can also download it at <a href="https://www.cstx.gov">www.cstx.gov</a>.

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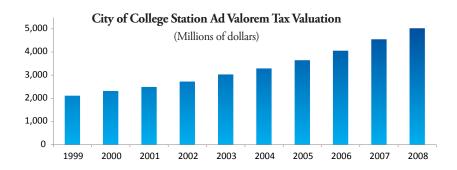
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**State** 6.00%

6.25%

# **Financial Summary**

Fiscal Year	Hotel Tax	Fiscal Year	Sales Tax Collected
2001	\$1,846,086	2001	\$12,733,400
2002	\$1,926,009	2002	\$13,456,574
2003	\$2,122,904	2003	\$13,782,065
2004	\$2,200,870	2004	\$14,964,616
2005	\$2,439,370	2005	\$15,440,349
2006	\$2,824,935	2006	\$16,748,282
2007	\$3,273,841	2007	\$18,077,973
2008	\$3,871,591	2008	\$19,824,512





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## **TOP 10 AREA EMPLOYERS**

Company	Products	Employees
Texas A&M University System	Education	16,500
St Joseph Hospital	Health Services	2,250
Bryan ISD	Education	2,090
Sanderson Farms Inc.	Production	1,539
College Station ISD	Education	1,300
Reynolds & Reynolds	Computers	959
City of College Station	Government	904
City of Bryan	Government	889
Brazos County	Government	751
Wal-Mart Associates Inc.	Retail	650

27,832

Source: Texas Workforce Commission, Labor Market/Career Information

Department, Research Valley Partnership

Notes: Data includes principal employers in Brazos County

### **TOP 10 TAXPAYERS**

Company	Business Type	Assessed Valuation
College Station Hospital LP	Medical	\$61,308,070
Post Oak Mall - College Station LLC	Retail Mall	55,651,375
Weinburg, Israel & David Alkosser	Housing	42,388,230
Woodlands of College Station LP	Housing	36,846,840
ACC OP (Callaway Villas) LP	Housing	30,736,980
Commonwealth Austin CH LP	Housing	30,628,460
Wal-Mart Stores East Inc	Retail	28,803,300
University HtsCollege Station Acqu. LP	Housing	28,789,920
Verizon Communications INC	Telecomm.	28,277,520
SCI Gateway at College Station Fund LLC	Housing	27,246,180

\$370,676,875



Strong & Sustainable Neighborhoods

One of the significant challenges faced by the City of College Station, with clear directives from the City Council, is the desire to sustain healthy existing neighborhoods while making sure new developed areas remain equally safe and strong.

In 2008, the City took steps to realize these goals by implementing key changes in its Code of Ordinances and creating new standards, including:

- Establishing single-family overlay protection zones
- Enacting a historic preservation ordinance
- Revising subdivision regulations for extra-territorial jurisdiction development
- Amending the Code of Ordinances to require rental property registration and party host responsibility that will encourage accountability in code violations

Pictured: Local police talk to Bee Creek Neighborhood citizens.



One of the significant projects was the preparation for the 2008 bond election. Staff worked with the City Council and the Capital Improvement Committee to formulate a list of projects and cost estimates along with financial analyses to determine the impact of bond issuance with various options. Voters approved:

- \$48.8 million for street and transportation needs
- \$7 million for construction of Fire Station #6
- \$12.8 million for parks and recreational facilities
- \$8.4 million for expansion of the library

Capital Projects Completed in 2008			
Construction	Fire Station #3		
Construction	7th groundwater well (Simsboro formation)		
Road Extension	Dartmouth (Krenek Tap to FM 2818)		
Road Extension	Arrington–Decatur		
Rehabilitation	West Park – water, sewer and drainage		
Rehabilitation	Church Street (between College Main & Nagle)		
Pedestrian Improvements	FM 2818 (at Welsh Street)		

Pictured: Fire Station #3 on Barron Road



The City of College Station initiated a comprehensive public education campaign in 2008 to highlight its many environmentally-friendly initiatives. The goal of Green College Station was to achieve long-term sustainability in the city through focus areas such as energy and water conservation, solid and hazardous waste reduction, air quality, land use and open space development.

Significant Environmental Achievements in 2008		
Wind Watts program	College Station Utilities began offering renewable power to its residential customers	
Water Rate changes	The City enacted conservation-oriented water rates for its residential customers	
Greenways update	The City began updating its Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan	
Hazardous Waste collection	Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency hosted two household hazardous waste collection events, resulting in the safe disposal of over 200,000 pounds of electronic and hazardous materials.	

Pictured: A Household Hazardous Waste Collection event



**Economic & Community Development** 

Development and redevelopment of property within the city has remained active during the past year through the work of our Economic & Community Development staff. Examples of projects that staff directly encouraged or facilitated in 2008 were:

- Chimney Hill Shopping Center acquisition for development of a new convention center
- Planning and development of Lynntech Science Park in the former Westinghouse Building on Earl Rudder Freeway
- Redevelopment of the Central Station Shopping Center (previously known as Culpepper Plaza)
- Northgate improvements and redevelopment
- Design and implementation of Santour Court development

Pictured: Aerial view of Chimney Hill Shopping Center



The College Station Police Department implemented a new policing structure designed to provide geographic accountability. The structure is intended to provide improved service delivery in order to accomplish a four-part mission:

- Reduce Crime
- Reduce Fear of Crime
- Establish and Maintain Effective Partnerships
- Improve Overall Quality of Life

The structure divides the city into three sectors, with each sector under the command of a Police Lieutenant. The sectors are divided into a total of eight beats. A Patrol Sergeant is assigned to each beat, and he or she has the primary responsibility for quality of life and crime issues affecting their assigned beat.

The Police Department also began an approximate \$3.5 million renovation of their headquarters facility on Texas Avenue in order to improve efficiency and accommodate increased staff.

Pictured: Police Chief Michael "Ike" Ikner is sworn in by Judge Ed Spillane.



The City of College Station received regional and national recognition for a number of service programs and activities in 2008. Listed below are just some of the many awards that highlight the City's commitment to providing a high quality of life for its citizens.

### Heritage Programs

Excellence in Preserving History Texas Historical Commission

### Information Technology Department & Fire Department

Excellence Award Texas Association of Governmental Information Technology Managers

### Parks and Recreation Department

National Accreditation Commission for Accreditation of Parks & Recreation Agencies
Outstanding Operational & Safety Audits International Pool & Water Park Industry
Gold Medal Award Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Team Registrations

# Planning and Development Services Department

Best Practices Building Officials Association of Texas

Excellence in Planning American Planning Association – Texas Chapter

# Police Department

National Accreditation Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies CSPD represents the top 1% of accredited agencies and is designated a "Flagship" agency.

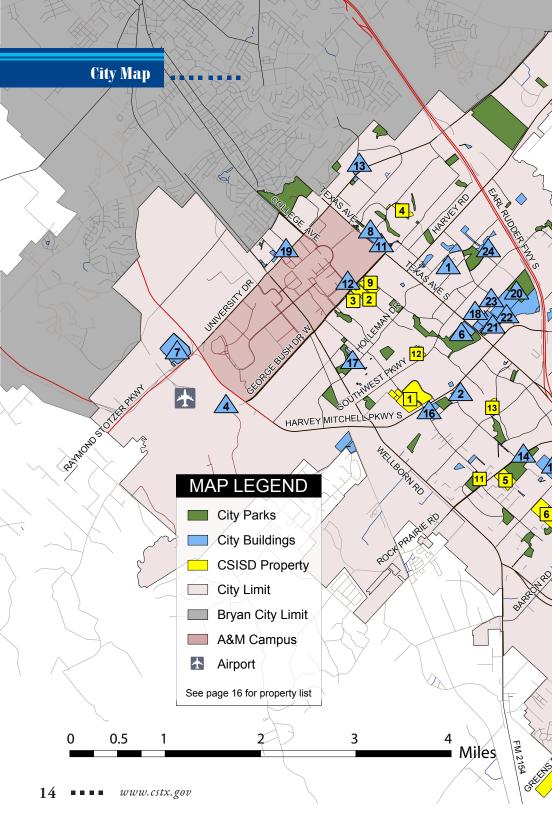
# **Public Communications Department**

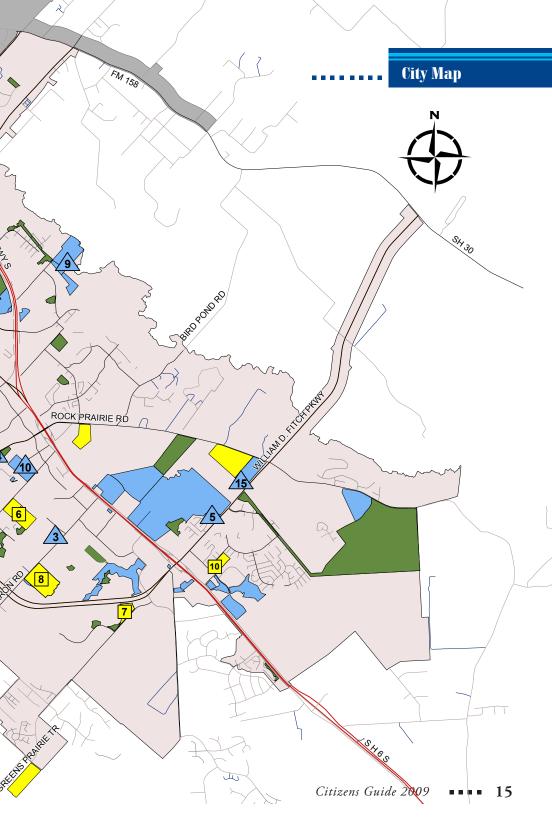
Excellence in Communications Texas Municipal League

# Water Services Department

Peak Performance Award Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Consistent National Pollutant Discharge Elimination TCEQ

Pictured: Information Technology Department staff





# City Map



### **CITY BUILDINGS**

- 1) Fire Station #1
- 2) Fire Station #2
- 3) Fire Station #3
- 4) Fire Station #4
- 5) Fire Station #5
- 6) College Station Cemetery
- 7) Memorial Cemetery
- 8) City Hall
- 9) Carter's Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 10) College Station Utilities
- 11) Economic and Community
  Development
- 12) College Station Conference Center
- 13) Chimney Hill Shopping Center
- 14) Exit Teen Center
- Landfill Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency
- 16) Larry J. Ringer Public Library
- 17) Lincoln Recreation Center
- 18) Municipal Court
- 19) Northgate Parking Garage
- 20) Parks and Recreation Department Central Office
- 21) Police Department
- 22) Public Works Department
- 23) Utility Customer Service
- 24) Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater

### **SCHOOLS**

- 1) A&M Consolidated High School
- 2) A&M Consolidated Middle School
- 3) Center for ALT Learning
- 4) College Hills Elementary
- 5) College Station Middle School
- 6) Cypress Grove Intermediate
- 7) Forest Ridge Elementary
- 8) Proposed Future High School
- 9) Oakwood Intermediate
- 10) Pebble Creek Elementary
- 11) Rock Prairie Elementary
- 12) South Knoll Elementary
- 13) Southwood Valley Elementary



Map produced by: Planning & Development Services 1 / 5 / 2009

For more maps, go to <a href="https://www.cstx.gov/gis">www.cstx.gov/gis</a>

# QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS (Area Code 979)

## Local Government/Schools

Local Government/Schools		
Blinn College	209-7200	
Brazos County	775-7400	
City of College Station	764-3500	
College Station ISD	764-5400	
Texas A&M University	845-3211	
Public Safety		
Emergency	911	
Brazos County Sheriff / Volunteer Fire	361-4100	
College Station Fire Department	764-3705	
College Station Police Department	764-3600	
Department of Public Safety	776-3100	
Poison Control	800-222-1222	
Texas A&M Police	845-2345	
Public Services, General		
Animal Shelter	775-5755	
Better Business Bureau	260-2222	
Brazos Valley Council of Governments	595-2800	
Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency	764-3832	
Call Before You Dig		
Chamber of Commerce	260-5200	
Convention & Visitors Bureau	260-9898	
License Plates, Tags, Renewals	361-4473	
Larry J. Ringer Public Library		
Tax Office (County)		
Utilities, General		
Atmos Energy Gas Company		
Bryan Texas Utilities		
College Station Utilities		
Suddenlink Cable	846-2229	
Power Failure (College Station)	764-5050	

# A-Z DIRECTORY (Area Code 979)

A	
Abandoned Buildings	764-3570
Abandoned Vehicles	764-3600
A/C System Rebates	764-3724
Adopt a Street	
Animal Control	
Animal Shelter	775-5755
Appraisal District (County)	
Arts Council	696-2787
Athletic Field Reservations	
Auctions, City Merchandise	764-3823
В	
Bids	764-3823
Billing, Utilities.	764-3535
Birth Certificates	764-3541
Blinn College	209-7200
Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency	764-3806
Brush & Bulky Pickup	764-3690
Building Inspections / Setbacks	
Burn Ban Info (County)	361-4100
C	
Call Before You Dig	800-344-8377
Capital Projects	764-6390
Car Titles, Registration	361-4473
Cemetery	764-3738



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Certificate of Occupancy	
Channel 19	
Citations, Tickets	
Citizens University	
City Secretary's Office	
City Council / Committees	
City Government Information	
City Limits Location	764-3570
City Manager's Office	
Claims Against the City	
Code Enforcement	764-6363
College Station ISD	
Commercial Signs	764-3570
Community Development	764-3778
Community Events Calendar	260-5200
Community Organizations List	260-5200
Compost Classes	
Comprehensive Plan	764-3570
Conference Center	764-3720
Contractor Licensing	
Court – Municipal	764-3683
Municipal (after hours)	764-3729
Teen	764-6372
Crime Stoppers	775-8477
Curb / Gutter Repair	
D	
Death Certificates	
Demographic Information	
District Attorney	361-4320
Dogs Barking	
Down-Payment Assistance	
Drains, Storm & Drainage Problems	
Drivers' Licenses (Dept of Public Safety)	
Dumpsters Not Collected	
E	
Fasement Locations	764-3570

Economic Development	764-3778
Educational Outreach Program	764-3806
Extra Territorial Jurisdiction	764-3570
Electric Outage	
Electric Permits / Licensing / Inspection	764-3570
Electric Repairs	764-3638
Elections – City	764-3541
County	361-4528
School	
Emergencies (Fire, Police, Ambulance)	911
Emergency Management	764-6210
Employment – City	764-3517
Jobline	764-3704
Workforce Commission	595-2800
Energy Audits, Conservation Programs	764-3724
Engineering	764-3690
Events – Area Wide	260-9898
Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater	764-3486
Reed Arena (TAMU)	
F	
Family Assistance / Temporary Aid	211
Family Violence Unit (County)	361-4300
Fence Regulations	764-3570
Field Status (Parks, after 4 p.m.)	764-3732
Financial Reports	764-3552
Fire Academy (Citizens)	
Fire Department	764-3705



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Fire Marshal	764-3705
First-Aid Information	764-3700
Fiscal Services Department	764-3555
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Handicapped Parking Stickers	361-4473
Hazardous Spills	
Health Department (County)	361-4440
Historic Building Designation	
Historic Preservation Programs	
Home-Based Business Info	
Home Repair Assistance	764-3778
Hospitals – College Station Medical Center	
St. Joseph Regional Health Center	776-3777
Physician's Centre	731-3100
Scott & White Clinic	691-3300
Hotel / Motel Tax Collection	764-3574
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	
Housing Assistance	764-3778
Human Resources Department	
Humane Society	775-5755
I	
Illegal Dumping	764-6363
Immigration (INS)	210-5283

Immunizations	
Industrial Waste Permits	512-239-2334
Itinerant Vendor Permit	764-3574
I	
Job Information	764-3517
Jobline	764-3704
Junk Vehicles	764-6363
Juvenile Probation	823-3554
K	
Kids Klub (After-School Care)	764-3831
Keep Brazos Beautiful	776-6227
L	
Land Development Info	764-3570
Landfills	764-3832
Landscape Regulations	764-3570
Larry J. Ringer Public Library	764-3416
Leaking Water / Sewer Lines	764-3638
Legal Department	764-3507
License Plates	
Lighting – Street / Park	764-3638
Residential / Business	764-3638
Lincoln Recreation Center	764-3779
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Name Change	361-4528
Neighborhood Services	764-6262
Neighborhood Crime Watch	
Northgate Parking (billing)	
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Ordinance Information	764-6363
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Pools – Adamson Lagoon	764-3735
Southwood Hallaran Pool	764-3787
Thomas Park Pool	764-3721
Population Info	764-3570
Post Office (College Station)	693-4152
Pothole Repairs	
Power Failure	
Power, Utility Lines	764-3638
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Juvenile	
Project HOLD	
Property Ownership Info	
Property Tax Appraisal	
Protective Services, Child	776-3637
Public Communications Department	764-3445
Public Works Department	
Purchasing & Vendor Information	764-3823
Q,R	
Rabies Control, Animal Bites	764-3600
Railroad – Union Pacific	402-271-5000
Complaints / Blocked / Damaged Rails	800-848-8715
Recycling	
Restaurant Unsanitary Conditions	361-4440
Risk Management	
Roads – Conditions / Repairs	
Statewide Conditions	800-452-9292

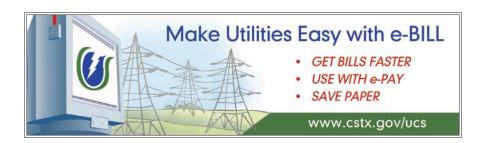


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Sanitation	764-3690
Schools – CSISD General Info	764-5400
Senior Programs	764-6371
Septic Tank Problems	361-4450
Sewer Problems	764-3638
Sewer System Info	764-3656
Sidewalks / Sidewalk Repair	764-3690
Smoke Detector Info	764-3705
Smoking Ordinance	764-6363
Social Security	731-1140
Social Services Listings	211
Streets - Cleaning / Sweeping / Drainage	764-3690
Closures	764-3840
State-Wide (DPS Hotline)	800-452-9292
Lighting	764-3638
Maps	764-3445
Subdivision of Land / Regulations	764-3570
Surplus City Items	764-3823
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Taxes – Property Appraisal	
Property Assessment / Collection	
Tennis Programs	764-3486
Texas A&M University	
Texas Comptroller's Office	
Texas Department of Transportation	778-2165
Tourist Information Center	
	260-9898
Traffic – Hazards / Obstructions / Repair	260-9898
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Underground – Electric / Water Lines	764-3638
Utility Lines	800-344-8377
Unclaimed Property	
Unemployment Info	595-2801
Unified Development Ordinance	764-3570
Utility – Bills / Connect / Payments	764-3535
Repairs / Problems / Outages	
Commission	
V	
Vacant Lots	764-6363
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Vehicle Registration	
Vehicle Towing	
Vendor Information	
Vendor Permits (Itinerant, Temporary)	764-3574
Veterans Memorial of the Brazos Valley	
Vital Statistics	
Volunteer Services	
Voter Registration / Precincts	
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Waste Reduction Education	764-6229
Water Services – Billing, Connections	764-3535
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Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater	
X,Y,Z	
Xtra Education	764-3486
Youth Services – Lincoln Recreation Center	764-3733
Teen Center	764-6351
Teen Court	
Recreation Programs	
Zoning Info	
Zoning Violations	

### OTHER STATEWIDE, LOCAL INFORMATION

Residents can call **2-1-1** at any time to get information about social and health services, government resources, counseling, basic needs assistance, senior, family and youth services, legal aid, and employment education across the State of Texas.





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